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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Letter of support for HB 374
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Dear Senators,

My name is David Mitchell and I live in Anchorage.

I am writing in support of House Bill 374, the Reinsurance Program.

With only one insurer, Premera, providing marketplace plans in Alaska for 2017, premium rates, which are already high, can be expected to go beyond what is affordable for most middle income Alaskans. It is easy to imagine that, without your action, self employed Alaskans and those that work for small businesses (the plumbers, real estate agents, barbers, hairdressers, housekeepers, dentists, chiropractors, baristas, mechanics, attorneys, etc.) will be faced with the unenviable choice of either purchasing health insurance with premiums that might exceed 20 to 35 percent of their adjusted gross income or roll the dice and go without insurance.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion and support of HB 374.

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